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## SOME RESULTS INVOLVING THE CONCEPTS OF MOMENT GENERATING FUNCTION AND AFFINITY BETWEEN DISTRIBUTION FUNCTIONS. EXTENSION FOR $r$ $k$ -DIMENSIONAL NORMAL DISTRIBUTION FUNCTIONS

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*We present a function  $\rho(F_1, F_2, t)$  which contains Matusita's affinity and express the «affinity» between moment generating functions. An interesting result is expressed through decomposition of this «affinity»  $\rho(F_1, F_2, t)$  when the functions considered are  $k$ -dimensional normal distributions. The same decomposition remains true for others families of distribution functions. Generalizations of these results are also presented.*

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## 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Let  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  be two distribution functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  and let us denote by  $f_i(x)$  the probability density function of  $F_i$  with respect to a measure  $m$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , for  $i = 1, 2$ .

We find in the literature several forms of defining distance between distributions of a same class. Matusita (1955) by making use of the distance function denoted by  $d(F_1, F_2)$  and expressed by

$$d(F_1, F_2) = \left\{ \left( f_1^{1/2}(x) - f_2^{1/2}(x), f_1^{1/2}(x) - f_2^{1/2}(x) \right) \right\}^{1/2},$$

introduced in the statistical literature the concept of affinity between the distributions  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  denoted by  $\rho_2(F_1, F_2)$  and defined by

$$\rho_2(F_1, F_2) = \left( f_1^{1/2}(x), f_2^{1/2}(x) \right)$$

which is related to  $d(F_1, F_2)$  through the expression

$$d^2(F_1, F_2) = 2 \{1 - \rho_2(F_1, F_2)\}$$

where  $(f, g)$  denotes the inner product of  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  defined by:

$$(f, g) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) g(x) dm$$

The importance and usefulness of the notions of distance and affinity between distributions, in statistics, were stressed in a series of papers by Matusita (1954, 1955, 1956, 1961, 1964, 1967b, 1973), Matusita & Motoo (1955), Matusita & Akaike (1956), Khan & Ali (1971) and others.

Concrete expressions for the affinity between two multivariate normal distributions were established by Matusita (1966). As a following step, Matusita (1967) extended the notion of affinity to cover the case where there are  $r$  distributions involved and established concrete expressions when the  $r$  distributions are  $k$ -dimensional normal.

Our work is characterized by the introduction of the concept of a function, denoted by  $P(t)$ , functionally expressed through the moment generating functions relative to the distributions considered and another expression denoted by  $\rho(F_1, F_2, t)$  that contains as a particular case the affinity between the distribution functions  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , or in other words, express the «affinity» between the moment generating functions relative to  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ . We also present a result that express the decomposition of  $\rho(F_1, F_2, t)$  in a product of two factors identified as the affinity and the moment generating function when  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are  $k$ -dimensional normal distributions. This result is extended to cover the case where there are  $r$   $k$ -dimensional normal distributions.

In this same way, the concept of a more general function  $D_r(s_1, \dots, s_r; \frac{t}{j})$  is introduced, and the results obtained through it contains those developed in this paper as those ones established by Matusita (1966, 1967a) and Campos (1978).

## 2. RESULTS

**Definition 1.** Let  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  be two distribution functions belonging to the same class and let  $f_1(x)$  and  $f_2(x)$  their respective probability density functions with respect to a measure  $m$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let us suppose that there is a scalar  $t$ ,  $-h \leq t \leq h$  ( $h > 0$ ) such that the integral below, defined through the inner product, is absolutely convergent.

Now, we define:

$$(2.1) \quad P(t) = \left( \exp \{tx/2\} \left\{ f_1^{1/2}(x) - f_2^{1/2}(x) \right\}, \exp \{tx/2\} \left\{ f_1^{1/2}(x) - f_2^{1/2}(x) \right\} \right)$$

where  $(f, g)$  denotes the inner product of  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ , defined by:

$$(f, g) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) g(x) dm$$

From (2.1), we obtain:

$$P(t) = M_1(t) + M_2(t) - 2\rho(F_1, F_2, t)$$

where:

$M_i(t)$  represent the moment generating function for the distribution  $F_i$  whose probability density function is  $f_i(x)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ ;

and

$$(2.2) \quad \rho(F_1, F_2, t) = \left( \exp \{tx/2\} f_1^{1/2}(x), \exp \{tx/2\} f_2^{1/2}(x) \right)$$

From (2.1) and (2.2) we verify that:

- i)  $P(0) = d^2(F_1, F_2)$ ,
- ii)  $F_1 = F_2$  implies  $P(t) = 0$  for all  $-h \leq t \leq h$
- iii)  $\rho(F_1, F_2, 0) = \rho_2(F_1, F_2)$
- iv)  $F_1 = F_2 = F$  implies  $\rho(F, t) = M(t)$

where:

$$d^2(F_1, F_2) = \left( f_1^{1/2}(x) - f_2^{1/2}(x), f_1^{1/2}(x) - f_2^{1/2}(x) \right)$$

and  $\rho_2(F_1, F_2)$  is the affinity between the distributions  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  as defined by Matusita (1966).

**Teorema 1.** Let  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  be  $k$ -dimensional nonsingular normal distributions, whose probability density functions are given by:

$$(2\pi)^{-k/2} |\underline{A}|^{1/2} \exp \left\{ -1/2(\underline{A}^{-1}(\underline{x} - \underline{a}), \underline{x} - \underline{a}) \right\}$$

and

$$(2\pi)^{-k/2} |\underline{B}|^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ -1/2(\underline{B}^{-1}(\underline{x} - \underline{b}), \underline{x} - \underline{b}) \right\},$$

respectively, where:

$\underline{x}$  is a  $k$ -dimensional (column vector);

$\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  are covariance matrices de degree  $K$  and

$\underline{a}, \underline{b}$  are  $k$ -dimensional mean (column) vectors.

In these conditions, we have:

$$\rho(F_1, F_2, \underline{t}) = \rho_2(F_1, F_2) \cdot M_G(\underline{t})$$

where:

$\underline{t}$  is  $k$ -dimensional (column) vector and

$M_G(\underline{t})$  is the moment generating function of a  $k$ -dimensional normal distribution with mean vector  $\underline{C}^{-1}(\underline{A}^{-1}\underline{a} + \underline{B}^{-1}\underline{b})$  and covariance matrix  $2\underline{C}^{-1}$ , given by

$$(2.3) \quad M_G(\underline{t}) = \exp \left\{ (\underline{C}^{-1}(\underline{A}^{-1}\underline{a} + \underline{B}^{-1}\underline{b}), \underline{t}) + (\underline{C}^{-1}\underline{t}, \underline{t}) \right\}$$

with  $\underline{C} = \underline{A}^{-1} + \underline{B}^{-1}$ .

**Proof:** From (2.2), we have:

$$(2.4) \quad \rho(F_1, F_2, \underline{t}) = (2\pi)^{-k/2} |\underline{A}\underline{B}|^{-1/4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \exp \{ -1/4 Q \} d x_1, \dots, d x_k$$

where:

$$Q = (\underline{A}^{-1}(\underline{x} - \underline{a}), \underline{x} - \underline{a}) + (\underline{B}^{-1}(\underline{x} - \underline{b}), \underline{x} - \underline{b}) - 4(\underline{x}, \underline{t})$$

By working with this algebraic sum of inner products, we obtain:

$$(2.5) \quad Q = ((\underline{A}^{-1} + \underline{B}^{-1}) \underline{x}, \underline{x}) - 2(\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{a} + \underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b} + 2 \underline{t}, \underline{x}) + (\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{a}, \underline{a}) + (\underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b}, \underline{b})$$

If we define the transformation:

$$\underline{y} = \underline{C}^{1/2} \underline{x}$$

with  $\underline{C} = \underline{A}^{-1} + \underline{B}^{-1}$  and Jacobian equal to  $\text{mod } |\underline{C}|^{-1/2}$ , (2.5) may be written as follows:

$$Q = (\underline{y}, \underline{y}) - 2(\underline{C}^{-1/2}(\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{a} + \underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b} + 2 \underline{t}), \underline{y}) + (\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{a}, \underline{a}) + (\underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b}, \underline{b})$$

That is,

$$(2.6) \quad Q = Q_1 - (\underline{C}^{-1}(\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{a} + \underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b} + 2 \underline{t}), \underline{A}^{-1} \underline{a} + \underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b} + 2 \underline{t}) + (\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{a}, \underline{a}) + (\underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b}, \underline{b})$$

where:

$$Q_1 = (\underline{y} - \underline{C}^{-1/2}(\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{a} + \underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b} + 2 \underline{t}), \underline{y} - \underline{C}^{-1/2}(\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{a} + \underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b} + 2 \underline{t}))$$

We have also:

$$(\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{a}, \underline{a}) = (\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{a}, \underline{C}^{-1} \underline{A}^{-1} \underline{a}) + (\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{a}, \underline{C}^{-1} \underline{B}^{-1} \underline{a})$$

and

$$(\underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b}, \underline{b}) = (\underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b}, \underline{C}^{-1} \underline{A}^{-1} \underline{b}) + (\underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b}, \underline{C}^{-1} \underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b})$$

By using these results in (2.6), we obtain, after same algebraic manipulations:

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} Q = & Q_1 - (\underline{C}^{-1} \underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b}, \underline{A}^{-1} \underline{a}) - (\underline{C}^{-1} \underline{A}^{-1} \underline{a}, \underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b}) + (\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{a}, \underline{C}^{-1} \underline{B}^{-1} \underline{a}) + \\ & (\underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b}, \underline{C}^{-1} \underline{A}^{-1} \underline{b}) + (\underline{C}^{-1}(\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{a} + \underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b} + 2 \underline{t}), 2 \underline{t}) - (2 \underline{C}^{-1} \underline{t}, \underline{A}^{-1} \underline{a} + \underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b}) \end{aligned}$$

From (2.7), it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} Q = & Q_1 + ((\underline{B} \underline{C} \underline{A})^{-1} \underline{b}, \underline{b} - \underline{a}) - ((\underline{A} \underline{C} \underline{B})^{-1} \underline{a}, \underline{b} - \underline{a}) - \\ & - 4(\underline{C}^{-1}(\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{a} + \underline{B}^{-1} \underline{b}), \underline{t}) - 4(\underline{C}^{-1} \underline{t}, \underline{t}) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\underline{C} = \underline{A}^{-1} + \underline{B}^{-1}$ , we have:

$$\underline{A} \underline{C} \underline{B} = \underline{B} \underline{C} \underline{A} = \underline{A} + \underline{B}$$

Or,

$$(2.8) \quad Q = Q_1 + ((\underline{A} + \underline{B})^{-1}(\underline{b} - \underline{a}), \underline{b} - \underline{a}) - 4(\underline{C}^{-1}(\underline{A}^{-1}\underline{a} + \underline{B}^{-1}\underline{b}), \underline{t}) - 4(\underline{C}^{-1}\underline{t}, \underline{t})$$

Using (2.8) in (2.4), we obtain:

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \rho(F_1, F_2, \underline{t}) &= (2\pi)^{-k/2} |\underline{A}\underline{B}|^{-1/4} \exp \left\{ -1/4((\underline{A} + \underline{B})^{-1}(\underline{b} - \underline{a}), \underline{b} - \underline{a}) \right\} \\ &\quad \exp \left\{ (\underline{C}^{-1}(\underline{A}^{-1}\underline{a} + \underline{B}^{-1}\underline{b}), \underline{t}) + (\underline{C}^{-1}\underline{t}, \underline{t}) \right\} \\ &\quad \cdot \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{4} Q_1 \right\} |\underline{C}|^{-1/2} d y_1, \dots, d y_k \end{aligned}$$

We easily verify that:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{4} Q_1 \right\} d y_1, \dots, d y_k = 2^{k/2} (2\pi)^{k/2}$$

Or,

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \rho(F_1, F_2, \underline{t}) &= |\underline{A}\underline{B}|^{1/4} \left| \frac{1}{2}(\underline{A} + \underline{B}) \right|^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ -1/4((\underline{A} + \underline{B})^{-1}(\underline{b} - \underline{a}), \underline{b} - \underline{a}) \right\} \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot \exp \left\{ (\underline{C}^{-1}(\underline{A}^{-1}\underline{a} + \underline{B}^{-1}\underline{b}), \underline{t}) + (\underline{C}^{-1}\underline{t}, \underline{t}) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

since

$$|\underline{C}|^{-1/2} = |\underline{A}|^{1/2} |\underline{A} + \underline{B}|^{-1/2} |\underline{B}|^{1/2}$$

It follows from theorem demonstrated by Matusita and (2.3) that (2.10) may be written as:

$$\rho(F_1, F_2, \underline{t}) = \rho_2(F_1, F_2) M_G(\underline{t})$$

**Corolary 1.** When  $\underline{A} = \underline{B}$  it follows that

$$\rho(F_1, F_2, \underline{t}) = \exp \left\{ -1/8(\underline{A}^{-1}(\underline{b} - \underline{a}), \underline{b} - \underline{a}) \right\} M_G(\underline{t})$$

where:

$$M_G(t) = \exp \left\{ (1/2(a + b), t) + 1/2(A t, t) \right\}$$

**Corolary 2.** If  $a = b$  it follows that:

$$\rho(F_1, F_2, t) = |A B|^{1/4} \left| \frac{1}{2} (A + B) \right|^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ (a, t) + (C^{-1} t, t) \right\}$$

**Corolary 3.** For  $F_1 = F_2 = F$ , we have:

$$\rho(F, t) = \exp \left\{ (a, t) + 1/2(A t, t) \right\} = M_X(t)$$

where  $M_X(t)$  is the moment generating function of  $F$ .

The conclusion (result) of theorem 1 is naturally generalized for  $r$   $k$ -dimensional normal distributions. To accomplish this objective, we first generalize the concept of  $\rho(F_1, F_2, t)$ , by considering  $r$  distributions  $F_1, \dots, F_r$ , defined over the same space  $\mathbb{R}$ , with probability density functions  $f_1(x), \dots, f_r(x)$  with respect to a measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ , and let us suppose that the integral below be absolutely convergent. Then we define:

**Definition 2**

$$\rho(F_1, \dots, F_r, t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^r \exp(tx) f_j(x) \right\}^{1/r} dm$$

If  $F_1, \dots, F_r$  denote  $r$   $k$ -dimensional non singular normal distributions whose probability density functions are given for  $j = 1, \dots, r$  by

$$(2.11) \quad (2\pi)^{-k/2} |A_j|^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ -1/2(A_j^{-1}(x - a_j), x - a_j) \right\}$$

where  $A_j$  is the covariance matrix and  $a_j$  the mean vector of  $F_j$ , respectively, we have the following result whose proof we omit:

**Theorem 2**

$$\rho(F_1, \dots, F_r, t) = \rho_r(F_1, \dots, F_r) M_G(t)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_r(F_1, \dots, F_r) &= \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^r |A_j|^{-1/2r} \right\} \left| \frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r A_j^{-1} \right|^{-1/2} \\ &\cdot \exp \left\{ -1/2r \left\{ \sum_{\substack{j=2 \\ l \leq i < j}}^r ((A_j - D A_i)^{-1} a_j, a_j - a_i - \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i < j \leq r}}^{r-1} ((A_i - D A_j)^{-1} a_i, a_i - a_j - \right) \right\} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

is the affinity between  $r$   $k$ -dimensional normal (non singular) distributions obtained by Matusita (1967a) and expressed in another form by Campos (1978); and

$$M_G(\underline{t}) = \exp \left\{ \left( D^{-1} \left( \sum_{j=1}^r A_j^{-1} a_j \right), \underline{t} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( r D^{-1} \underline{t}, \underline{t} \right) \right\}$$

is the moment generating functions of a  $k$ -dimensional normal distribution with mean vector  $D^{-1} \left( \sum_{j=1}^r A_j^{-1} a_j \right)$  and covariance matrix  $r D^{-1}$  with  $D = \sum_{j=1}^r A_j^{-1}$  and  $\underline{t}$  a  $k$ -dimensional (column) vector.

With the objective of generalizing these results, as those obtained by Matusita (1966, 1967a) or Campos (1978) we introduce the following definition.

**Definition 3.** Let  $F_1, \dots, F_r$  be multivariate distributions defined on the same space  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $f_1(x), \dots, f_r(x)$  be their respective probability density functions. Let us suppose that there are  $r$  scalars  $s_1, \dots, s_r$  such that:

$$\sum_{j=1}^r s_j = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq s_j \leq 1 \quad \text{for} \quad j = 1, \dots, r.$$

In these conditions, and if the integral below is absolutely convergent, we define:

$$D_r(s_1, \dots, s_r, \underline{t}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \prod_{j=1}^r \exp \left\{ s_j(x, \underline{t}_j) \right\} f_j^{s_j}(x) dx_1 \dots dx_k$$



where  $\underline{t}_j$  is a  $k$ -dimensional (column) vector with components  $t_{j1}, \dots, t_{jk}, j = 1, \dots, r$ .

If  $F_1, \dots, F_r$  denote  $k$ -dimensional normal (non singular) distributions defined as (2.11) we establish the following result:

**Theorem 3**

$$(2.12) \quad D_r(s_1, \dots, s_r; \underline{t}_j) = D_r(s_1, \dots, s_r) M_G \left( \sum_{j=1}^r s_j \underline{t}_j \right)$$

where:

$$(2.13) \quad D_r(s_1, \dots, s_r) = \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^r |A_j|^{-s_j/2} \right\} \left| \sum_{j=1}^r s_j A_j^{-1} \right|^{-1/2} \\ \cdot \exp \left\{ -1/2 \left\{ \sum_{\substack{j=2 \\ l \leq i < j}}^r (s_i s_j (A_j C A_i)^{-1} \underline{a}_j, \underline{a}_j - \underline{a}_i) - \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i < j \leq r}}^r (s_i s_j (A_i C A_j)^{-1} \underline{a}_i, \underline{a}_j - \underline{a}_i) \right\} \right\}$$

and  $M_G \left( \sum_{j=1}^r s_j \underline{t}_j \right)$  is the moment generating function for a  $k$ -dimensional normal

distribution with mean vector  $C^{-1} \left( \sum_{j=1}^r s_j A_j^{-1} \underline{a}_j \right)$  and covariance matrix  $C^{-1}$ , expressed by:

$$(2.14) \quad M_G \left( \sum_{j=1}^r s_j \underline{t}_j \right) = \exp \left\{ \left( C^{-1} \left( \sum_{j=1}^r s_j A_j^{-1} \underline{a}_j \right), \sum_{j=1}^r s_j \underline{t}_j \right) + \right. \\ \left. + \left( 1/2 C^{-1} \left( \sum_{j=1}^r s_j \underline{t}_j \right), \sum_{j=1}^r s_j \underline{t}_j \right) \right\}$$

with  $\underline{C} = \sum_{j=1}^r s_j \underline{A}_j^{-1}$ .

**Proof:** By the definition 3, we have:

$$(2.15) \quad D_r(s_1, \dots, s_r; \underline{t}_j) = (2\pi)^{-k/2} \prod_{j=1}^r |\underline{A}_j|^{-s_j/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} Q \right\} d x_1 \dots d x_k$$

where

$$Q = \sum_{j=1}^r s_j \left( \underline{A}_j^{-1} (\underline{x} - \underline{a}_j), \underline{x} - \underline{a}_j \right) - 2 \sum_{j=1}^r s_j (\underline{x}, \underline{t}_j)$$

That is,

$$(2.16) \quad Q = (\underline{C} \underline{x}, \underline{x}) - 2(\underline{b}, \underline{x}) - 2(\underline{t}, \underline{x}) + \sum_{j=1}^r \left( s_j \underline{A}_j^{-1} \underline{a}_j, \underline{a}_j \right)$$

with

$$\underline{b} = \sum_{j=1}^r s_j \underline{A}_j^{-1} \underline{a}_j$$

and

$$\underline{t} = \sum_{j=1}^r s_j \underline{t}_j$$

After the transformation

$$\underline{y} = \underline{C}^{1/2} \underline{x}$$

whose Jacobian is  $\text{mod } |\underline{C}|^{-1/2}$  and same intermediate steps, (2.16) may be written

$$(2.17) \quad \begin{aligned} Q &= \left( \underline{y} - \underline{C}^{-1/2}(\underline{b} + \underline{t}), \underline{y} - \underline{C}^{-1/2}(\underline{b} + \underline{t}) \right) - \left( \underline{C}^{-1} \underline{b}, \underline{t} \right) - \\ &- \left( \underline{C}^{-1} \underline{t}, \underline{b} \right) - \left( \underline{C}^{-1} \underline{t}, \underline{t} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^r \left( s_j \underline{A}_j^{-1} \underline{a}_j, \underline{a}_j \right) - \left( \underline{C}^{-1} \underline{b}, \underline{b} \right) \end{aligned}$$

One may also prove that:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^r \left( s_j A_j^{-1} \underline{a}_j, \underline{a}_j \right) - \left( C^{-1} \underline{b}, \underline{b} \right) &= \sum_{\substack{j=2 \\ l \leq i < j}}^r \left( s_i s_j (A_j C A_i)^{-1} \underline{a}_j, \underline{a}_j - \underline{a}_i \right) - \\ &- \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i < j \leq r}}^{r-1} \left( s_i s_j (A_i C A_j)^{-1} \underline{a}_i, \underline{a}_j - \underline{a}_i \right) \end{aligned}$$

On applying this result, (2.17) is expressed as:

$$(2.18) \quad Q = Q_3 + Q_1 - Q_2 - 2 \left( C^{-1} \underline{b}, \underline{t} \right) - \left( C^{-1} \underline{t}, \underline{t} \right)$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_3 &= \left( \underline{y} - C^{-1/2}(\underline{b} + \underline{t}), \underline{y} - C^{-1/2}(\underline{b} + \underline{t}) \right) \\ Q_1 &= \sum_{\substack{j=2 \\ l \leq i < j}}^r \left( s_i s_j (A_j C A_i)^{-1} \underline{a}_j, \underline{a}_j - \underline{a}_i \right) \quad \text{and} \\ Q_2 &= \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i < j \leq r}}^{r-1} \left( s_i s_j (A_i C A_j)^{-1} \underline{a}_i, \underline{a}_j - \underline{a}_i \right) \end{aligned}$$

By substitution of (2.18) in (2.15), we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} (2.19) \quad D_r(s_1, \dots, s_r; \underline{t}_j) &= (2\pi)^{-k/2} \prod_{j=1}^r |A_j|^{-s_j/2} \cdot \\ &\cdot \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (Q_1 - Q_2) \right\} \exp \left\{ \left( C^{-1} \underline{b}, \underline{t} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{2} C^{-1} \underline{t}, \underline{t} \right) \right\} \cdot \\ &\cdot \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} Q_3 \right\} |C|^{-1/2} d y_1 \dots d y_k \end{aligned}$$

The integral of (2.19) after the transformation

$$\underline{z} = \underline{y} - C^{-1/2}(\underline{b} + \underline{t})$$

becomes equal

$$|C|^{-1/2} (2\pi)^{k/2}$$

By using this result in (2.19), we obtain, in accord with (2.13) and (2.14) the result that we have established through theorem 3, that is,

$$D_r(s_1, \dots, s_r; \underline{t}_j) = D_r(s_1, \dots, s_r) \cdot M_G \left( \sum_{j=1}^r s_j \underline{t}_j \right)$$

This result is a generalization in the sense of summarize the results established through theorems 1 and 2 as those obtained by Matusita (1966, 1967a) or Campos (1978).

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